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SUBJECT: PANAMA REHASH

1. SUBSEC CASTANEDA CALLED ME IN APRIL 9 TO SHOW ME THE CONFIDENTIAL FILE, WRITTEN BY AMBASSADOR GALINDO POHL, WHICH DETAILED HOW THE SALVADORAN POSITION AT PANAMA WAS REACHED. IT OFFERED LITTLE NEW BUT I INTERPRET THE MOVE AS AN EFFORT TO SHOW THE GOES HAS NOTHING TO HIDE. AMONG THE POINTS:
A. SALVADOR WANTED TO BRING THE "... CORDIAL MESSAGE OF ONE FRIEND, EL SALVADOR, TO TWO FRIENDS, PANAMA AND THE U. S."
B. HISTORY AND CULTURE ARE ON PANAMA' S SIDE BUT THERE IS MUCH ROOM FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.
C. THE PANAMANIANS, ON A LOWER LEVEL AT LEAST, WERE A BIT MIFFED THAT THE FORMIN DID NOT ATTEND, BUT GEN TORRIJOS, IN A WARM COMMENT, SAID " NOTHING MORERTULD BE EXPECTED" THAN THE SUPPORT SALVADOR GAVE.
D. MANY OF THE SPEECHES, IN GALINDO' S JUDGMENT, WERE LESS SUPPORTIVE OF PANAMA THAN HIS OWN.
E. " THE NORTH AMERICANS ... WERE NOT COMBATIVE AND ADOPTED A VERY INTELLIGENT POSITION OF AN OUTSTRETCHED HAND TOWARD PANAMA."

2. COMMENT: CASTANEDA IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONALLY CORDIAL SALVADORAN- U. S. RELATIONSHIP.
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